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Inspection reports on district munsifs' courts by the district judges.

*247 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any and if so which of the recommendations of the Civil Justice Delays Committee have been ordered to be adopted by the courts in the Presidency;

(*b*) whether the district judges have been ordered to note in their inspection reports of the courts of district munsifs if such recommendations are strictly followed in the latter;

(*c*) whether the inspection reports contain remarks relating to the observance or otherwise by the district munsifs of the recommendation of the Civil Justice Delays Committee; and

(*d*) whether any instances were brought to the notice of the Government or the High Court in which such recommendations have not been followed either by the district judges or by the munsifs?

A.—(*a*) The recommendations of the Civil Justice Committee for adoption by courts cover a very wide field. If the hon. Member will specify the recommendations, he will be furnished with the information desired.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) No instance has been brought to the notice of Government.

Criminal Justice

Alleged looting in Arkonam market.

*248 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that in June last there was looting in the market at Arkonam;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any information as to the causes of the looting; if so, whether they were economic or were due to mere rowdyism;

(*c*) whether the District Magistrate inspected the locality and if so, how many days after the incident; and

(*d*) why there was delay on the part of the District Magistrate in inspecting the scene of looting and taking necessary steps in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Government are aware that a disturbance took place.

(*b*) Yes. The disturbance was due to rowdyism.

(*c*) Yes, after three days.

(*d*) The District Magistrate was on tour and inspected the spot as soon as it was practicable for him to do so. There was no avoidable delay.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Are the Government aware that the District Magistrate received a telegram at 5 p.m. and yet did not stir out of the camp till 10 a.m. the next day, although a serious riot was taking place not hundreds of miles off?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The premises are wrong. The riot was not taking place. In fact, there was no riot at all."